(c) whether in past any committee has been set up to examine the matter of deciding alternate capital for the country;

(d) if so, the recommendations of the committee; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Proposal sent by RPF

†2254. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether RPF had sent any proposal to Ministry of Home Affairs to encounter the terrorist activities and for providing security to passengers inside the trains and stations;

(b) the decision taken by the Ministry in this regard; and

(c) by when Government propose to authorise RPF for providing security to Railway property, passengers in trains and Station premises against terrorists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) No proposal to this Ministry was sent for empowering RPF to deal with terrorist activities. However, a Cabinet Note proposing to give some responsibilities to the RPF personnel for the protection of passengers in the railway premises and the running trains has been moved by the Ministry of Railways and is under consideration with various Ministries.

Detention of Imtiyaz Ahmed Bajaj under POTA

†2255. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that Imtiyaz Ahmed Bajaj detained under POTA (after whose enquiry, Gilani was detained under POTA) had been associated with Prime Minister's Office for a long time and many time recommendations were also made for him;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that on the recommendation of an officer holding an important post in Prime Minister's Office, sanction was granted to produce and telecast the current affair programme to be telecasted on Doordarshan Channel; and

(d) if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) No Sir. As informed by the Prasar Bharti, the proposal of Imtiyaz Ahmed Bajaj was previewed by a duly constituted Committee and was finally approved by the Selection-cum-costing Committee comprising of representatives of different Ministries and Doordarshan officials. After learning of the arrest of Imtiyaz Ahmed Bajaj, it has been decided by Doordarshan to withdraw approval of its proposal.

Review of Criminal Laws

2256. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the deliberations and recommendations of the recently held conference on "Fundamental principles of criminal justice", highlighting *inter-alia* the urgent need for a comprehensive review of the criminal laws and the procedures to ensure speedy justice ; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS